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The following documents were cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2006/300146, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report has been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus have already been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Publication No. 2003-108384 A. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 6 of the specification of the above-captioned application;
- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Publication No. 2003-067679 A;
- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Publication No. 2002-329180 A, along with patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0174337;
- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Publication No. 2000-330779 A; and
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Publication No. HEI 11-250204 A.

The relevance of the documents cited in the International Search Report, as ascertained with respect to the international claims by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Search Report.

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